Amendments to the Claims

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A transflective liquid crystal display device, comprising:

- a front substrate ~~(102)~~ on a viewer side, and a rear substrate ~~(104)~~;
- a liquid crystalline cell sandwiched between the front substrate and the rear substrate, said liquid crystalline cell having transmissive portions ~~(101T)~~ for selectively passing light generated by a backlight ~~(130)~~, and reflective portions ~~(101R)~~ for selectively reflecting ambient light, said transmissive portions ~~(101T)~~ provided with a first cell gap ~~(dT)~~ and said reflective portions ~~(101R)~~ provided with a second cell gap ~~(dR)~~, and
- an optical retarder ~~(120)~~ at the viewer side of said liquid crystalline cell, a thickness of said optical retarder being such as to compensate a difference between the first cell gap and the second cell gap.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A transflective liquid crystal display device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the optical retarder is a patterned retarder ~~(120)~~ extending substantially only over the reflective portions ~~(101R)~~ of the liquid crystalline cell.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A transflective liquid crystal display device as claimed in ~~Claim 1 or 2~~Claim 1, wherein the optical retarder is essentially a quarter-wave retarder for the reflective portions.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A transflective liquid crystal display device as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a color filter ~~(125)~~ having a different thickness for the reflective portions ~~(101R)~~ and the transmissive portions ~~(101T)~~ of the cell, wherein the thickness of the optical retarder is such as to compensate both a difference between the first cell gap and the second cell gap, and said different thickness of said color filter ~~(125)~~.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A transflective liquid crystal display device as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the color filter ~~(125)~~ is arranged between the front substrate ~~(102)~~ and the optical retarder ~~(120)~~.

6. (ORIGINAL) A transflective liquid crystal display device as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the optical retarder is arranged between the front substrate and the color filter.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A transflective liquid crystal display device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the first cell gap ~~(dT)~~ is between 1,5 and 2,5 times the second cell gap ~~(dR)~~.